

Orders, By-Laws, and Ordinances,

For the Good Government and Regulating of the Persons Licensed to Keep and Drive
HACKNEY-COACHES within the Cities of London and Westminster, and the Suburbs
thereof, and within all and every the Parishes and Places comprised within the Weekly-Bills
of Mortality; made, published, and declared by Daniel Blake, Thomas Strickland, Edmund
Clerke, Charnock Heron, and William Congreve, Esqs; Commissioners, Authorized and Ap-
pointed by His present Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal of England, for putting in Ex-
5:6. W: M: ecution a late Act of Parliament, Entituled, An Act for the Licensing and Regulating Hackney-
Coaches and Stage-Coaches. And allowed and approved, as by the said Act is directed, viz.

I. **IMPRIMIS**, It is ordered, constituted, and ordained, That from and after the First day of *February* next ensuing the date of these Presents, the Perch of every Coach shall be Ten Foot long at the least, and have Crofs-Leather-Braces before, and not be braced down, but hang upon a Level, and not higher behind than before; and be decent, clean, strong, and large enough to carry Four Persons at the least, on the Penalty of Twenty Shillings.

II. **ITEM**, It is ordered, constituted, and ordained, That from and after the said First day of *February*, all Owners of Hackney-Coach-
Licenses, Renters or Drivers of them, that shall be seen or found Standing, or Plying, or Driving within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and all
or any the Parishes and Places comprised within the Weekly-Bills of Mortality, without such Tin-plates, undefaced, altered, or obliterated, so col-
oured, figured, and placed upon the middle of the Door, on each side of every such Hackney-Coach, as was ordered by the late Commissioners,
and has been since ordered by the now Commissioners to be continued, shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of Five Pounds, as by the said
Act is directed.

III. **ITEM**, It is ordered, constituted, and ordained, That from and after the said First day of *February*, no Hackney-Coachman shall Stand or Ply
against any part of the *Royal Exchange*, or the *New Exchange* in the *Strand*, or between *Craggs Court* over-against the *Rummer Tavern* by *Charing-Cross*,
and the first Gate going into *Scotland-Yard*, on either side of the way; or against any the Gates of either of the *Serjeant's Inns*, or Inns of Court,
or against the Coach-houses, Stables, or Backside of the Houses in *Portugal-Row*, in *Lincolns-Inn-Fields*, but the said Places to remain free for Gentle-
mens Coaches; and as soon as any Hackney-Coachman hath set down his Fare, he is forthwith to drive from before any of the said Places, and
there to wait for his Fare, or Ply for another; and that no Hackney-Coachman shall Stand, Wait, or Ply between the *East-end* of *St. Dunstan's*
Church and *Temple-Bar*, but only on the *North-side* of the Street, and not above Six at a time, and at Three Yards distance each Coach from the
other, on Penalty of Ten Shillings.

IV. **ITEM**, It is ordered, constituted, and ordained, That from and after the said First day of *February*, if any Hackney-Coachman shall pre-
sume to Stand or Ply to be hired cross any Street, Common Passage or Alley, or within Eight Foot of the Houses, Walls, or Shops, or before the
Door of any Inhabitant (to his Annoyance) within the said Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and the Weekly-Bills of Mortality, except between *St. Dunstan's*
Church and *Temple-Bar*, as aforesaid, or shall Feed his Horses in any Street or Common Passage, save only with Oats out of a Bag, or with
such Hay as he shall hold or deliver with his Hand, or shall refuse to give way (if he can conveniently) to any Person of Quality or Gentleman's
Coach, or shall not allow any other Hackney-Coachman to take up, drive on, or set down his Fare, or shall stand two on a breadth on the side of
each other, except in the *Palace-Yard Westminster*; such Coachman shall forfeit for every such Offence, Ten Shillings.

V. **ITEM**, It is ordered, constituted, and ordained, That from and after the said First day of *February*, all Owners of *Hackney Coach Licenses*
(during the Term of such Licenses) shall be subject to such Penalties and Forfeitures, as shall be incurred by Virtue
of any Breach or Contempt of the laid recited Act, or any By-Laws or Orders, made pursuant thereto, done or committed, or suffered to be
done or committed, by such Coachmen, or their Driver; such Person or Persons being first legally convicted by the said Commissioners.

VI. **ITEM**, It is ordered, constituted, and ordained, That from and after the said First day of *February*, every Person, who by Deed of Assignment,
or otherwise, hath obtained, or shall hereafter obtain any License or Licenses, for driving a Hackney-Coach within the said Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and the Weekly-Bills of Mortality, shall cause to be entered every such Assignment or Transferment in the Register-Books, kept
by the said Commissioners for that purpose, (according to the said recited Act) within Ten days after the date of these Presents, or within Ten
days after the executing every such Deed of Assignment or Transferment, made as aforesaid, upon pain to forfeit Five Shillings for every day any
such Deed of Assignment or Transferment shall be neglected to be so entered. And that every Legatee of any such License, or Executor, or Ad-
ministrator, to whom any such License shall come as Assets, and shall not within Sixty days after the Decease of his or her Testator or Intestate,
produce before the said Commissioners the Probate of the Will, or Letters of Administration or Exemplification thereof, in order that the same may
be entered in the said Commissioners Books, shall forfeit Five Shillings for every day the said Probate, or Letters of Administration, shall remain
not entered as aforesaid.

VII. **ITEM**, It is ordered, constituted, and ordained, That from and after the said First day of *February*, no Person Licensed to keep any Hack-
ney-Coach, shall presume to Drive such Coach with any Fare into the Country, within Ten Miles of the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, without
the Plates (whereon the Number belonging to his or her License is painted) be placed on each side of such Coach, on Penalty of Forty Shillings.

VIII. **ITEM**, It is ordered, constituted, and ordained, That from and after the said First day of *February*, no Hackney-Coachman so licensed,
nor the Driver of such Coach, shall presume to take for his Hire for driving any Person or Persons from *White-Hall*, *Charing-Cross*, or thereabouts,
to the King's Palace at *Kensington*, (during His Majesty's abode there) above Two Shillings, unless such Coachman shall be hired after Seven a
Clock at Night, and then it shall be lawful to and for him to demand and receive Three Shillings for his Hire, and no more; but where his wait-
ing is required, the Rate by the Hour (allowed by the Act) is to be observed. And if any Hackney-Coachman or Driver shall refuse to go at, or
shall exact for his Hire more than the said Rates, he shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of Forty Shillings.

IX. **ITEM**, It is ordered, constituted, and ordained, That from and after the said First day of *February*, that any Person, who by Virtue of a Li-
cense shall Drive, or Let to Hire a Hackney-Coach within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and Weekly-Bills of Mortality, shall not be obli-
ged to carry any Person in his Coach for Hire by the day, or otherwise, to any Place above Six Miles from the place he Stands in, or Plies, be-
tween the last day of *October*, and the First of *March*, after Nine a Clock in the Morning.

X. **ITEM**, It is ordered, constituted, and ordained, That from and after the said First day of *February*, every Person licensed to Drive, or Let
to Hire a Hackney-Coach within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and Weekly-Bills of Mortality, that shall neglect or refuse, being duly sum-
moned, to attend upon the said Commissioners, upon any Complaint made against him or her, or to give an account of the place of their Abode,
without some reasonable Cause, to be approved of by the said Commissioners, shall forfeit the Sum of Ten Shillings. And every such Person afo-
resaid, as shall neglect or refuse to attend the said Commissioners at the place of their Sitting, upon a third Summons duly served on them, or left at
the place of their Abode, or upon Oath made, cannot be found to be summoned, shall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Shillings, and shall have his Li-
cense and Figure suspended from Working, or being placed upon any Coach for the space of one Month; and if in that time he doth not appear
before the said Commissioners, the Commissioners may grant his said Figure to be placed upon a Coach, and drove by another Person, until he shall
appear, and pay such Fine as shall be due upon his or her Conviction.

Office for Hackney-Coaches in Surry-street in the
Strand, the Sixth day of December, 1697.

We allow and Approve of the Orders, By-
Laws, and Ordinances above-written,
this First day of January, 1697.

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Tho. Strickland.
Edm. Clerke.
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